

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION
BY THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FOR FUNDS UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT
AND ANNUAL FEDERAL BUDGETARY APPROPRIATIONS TO ACCELERATE THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTHEAST HIGH SPEED RAIL CORRIDOR**

August 12, 2009

A motion was made by TAC Member Ellen Reckhow and seconded by TAC Member Michael Gering for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote, was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation designated the Washington-Richmond-Raleigh-Charlotte rail corridor for future high-speed rail development in 1992; and

WHEREAS, a system of corridors have been designated nationally by the United States Department of Transportation, one being the Southeast Corridor, as the above described system is known; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary economic and population growth in the Southeast region requires a comprehensive, multi-modal transportation system; and

WHEREAS, high speed rail service will provide business and leisure travelers with a competitive alternative to air and automobile for trips between 100 and 500 miles; and

WHEREAS, much existing rail right-of-way is already in place which could accommodate improvements to passenger rail service; and

WHEREAS, construction of a high speed rail corridor between Washington, DC and Charlotte, NC through the Triangle region will provide transportation options, ease the rate of congestion growth in the corridor, improve safety and energy effectiveness, improve air quality and improve transportation efficiency while minimizing impacts; and

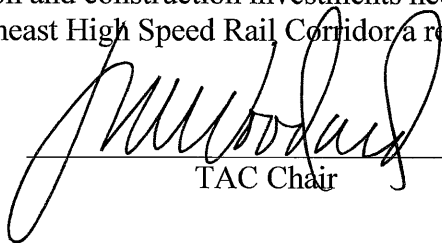
WHEREAS, many of the infrastructure improvements associated with the high speed rail corridor, such as the sidings, realignments, and grade separations proposed in Durham and Orange Counties, will also increase the efficiency of existing passenger rail service and freight rail service and decrease roadway congestion; and

WHEREAS, a new passenger rail station in Hillsborough, NC would expand transportation options for citizens of Orange County; and

WHEREAS, an adjacent multimodal trail that would be constructed in conjunction with the Southeast Corridor north of Raleigh will create an additional multimodal travel option; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has been actively planning for and investing in the proposed Southeast Corridor in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation and other partners;

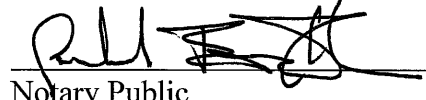
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee supports the application by the North Carolina Department of Transportation for funding from both the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as well as from annual federal budgetary appropriations in order to accelerate the planning, land acquisition and construction investments needed to help make the full implementation of the Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor a reality provided here on this, the 12th day of August, 2009.



TAC Chair

STATE of: North Carolina
COUNTY of: DURHAM

I, FREDERICK BRIAN RHODES, a Notary Public of Durham County, North Carolina do hereby certify that personally J. Michael Woodard appeared before me on the 12th day of August, 2009, to affix his signature to the foregoing document.



Notary Public

(Seal)

My commission expires 5/10/10

